

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0038] beginning on page 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

As shown in FIG. 7, an orifice ~~[[28]]~~ 36 is formed on an axis of the tube 18. The orifice ~~[[28]]~~ 36 can allow communication between the combustion chamber 20 and the filter chamber 22 and is usually closed by a seal member 29, such as an aluminum tape, adhesively bonded to the partitioning plate 23. When collision signals are detected and then high temperature and high pressure gas is generated in the combustion chamber 20, the seal member 29 is burst by the generated gas to allow the gas to smoothly flow into the filter chamber 22.

Please replace paragraph [0042] on page 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The partitioning plate 23 has a thickness of 2.5mm or less at a peripheral end face thereof. The tube 18 is partitioned by the partitioning method of the present invention using the partitioning plate 23. The tube 18 is crimped from its peripheral edge thereof at two locations adjacent to the location where the partitioning plate 23 is fitted, to hold a peripheral end portion of the radially projecting partitioning plate 23 in sandwich relation. The inside face of the tube 18 is plastically deformed to be closely contacted with a thicknesswise surface (peripheral edge face) 23a of the partitioning plate 23 and front and back sides 23b, 23c of the partitioning plate 23 of the gas generator. As a result, a depressed portion 34 is formed in the inside face of the tube 18, and the tube 18 and the partitioning plate 23 are put in close contact with each other in the depressed portion 34. An ~~opening~~ orifice 36 is formed in the portioning plate 23.

Please replace the text on page 26, at prenumbered lines 24 and 25 with the following rewritten text:

14 ~~Switch~~ Connecting pins

15 ~~Cushioning Material~~ Switch

Please delete the text on page 27, at prenumbered line 14 in its entirety as follows:

28 — ~~Orifice~~

Please delete the text on page 27, at prenumbered line 22 as follows:

36 ~~Opening~~ Orifice

Please cancel the original Abstract at page 31, lines 1-19 in its entirety and insert therefor the following replacement Abstract on a separate sheet as follows: